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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraphs [0003] - [0007], with the following amended paragraphs. [0003] This application also relates to concurrently filed, co-pending application Ser. No. ---- 10/023,633 [Docket No: RNI-001], by Gupta et. al, entitled "Network Node with Multi-Medium Interfaces", owned by the assignee of this application and incorporated herein by reference. [0004] This application also relates to concurrently filed, co-pending application Serial No. — 10/023,963 [Docket No: RNI-002], by Kumar et. al, entitled "Hybrid Network to Carry Synchronous and Asynchronous Traffic over Symmetric and Asymmetric Links", owned by the assignee of this application and incorporated herein by reference. [0005] This application also relates to concurrently filed, co-pending application Serial No. 10/023,974 [Docket No: RNI-003], by Kumar et. al, entitled "Dynamic Mixing of TDM Data with Data Packets", owned by the assignee of this application and incorporated herein by reference. [0006] This application also relates to concurrently filed, co-pending application Serial No. ______ 10/023,623 [Docket No: RNI-004], by Shah et. al, entitled "Adaptive Link Quality Management for Wireless Mediumⁿ, owned by the assignee of this application and incorporated herein by reference. [0007] This application also relates to concurrently filed, co-pending application Ser. No. - 10/023,958 [Docket No: RNI-006], by Kumar et. al, entitled "Method of Generating, Transmitting, Receiving and Recovering Synchronous Frames with Non-standard Speeds", owned by the assignee of this application and incorporated herein by reference.